

## RELIGION ENTERS OPENLY INTO MAYORALTY RACE

In their announcements for today's papers both Sweitzer and Thompson refer to the religious issue and both deplore bringing it into the campaign. And each charges the other with bringing it in.

Sweitzer charges that Thompson raises the religious issue, "not like a man, by his own statements or by writings over his own signature, but rather ostrichlike, burying his head in the sand, by unsigned dodgers, circulars, anonymous letters, etc., so that he might dodge the responsibility of such cowardly conduct (as he now does) when he is met with the charge. Mr. Thompson's managers have even gone so far as to put out circulars pretending to come from me, in which I am supposed to ask for political support on the grounds of religion, a thing I have never done or countenanced."

Thompson, in his statement, says: "In the public press the people are informed that Sweitzer put the religious issue before the voters. I deplore the raising of the religious question in a political campaign, which comes in a formal statement issued from the headquarters of my opponent for the mayoralty. The constitution of the United States and of the state of Illinois guarantee to all the people independence and freedom of religious worship in all forms. The people of the United States as well as of the city of Chicago are divided into many religious sects and denominations, and they all have equal rights in our government. In view of this I say that the man or candidate who will deliberately plan as a campaign move the injection of this subject into politics breathes treachery to America and denies the letter and spirit of our federal and state constitutions and is unfit to be elevated to an American office."

**BILL FOR MINIMUM WAGE BODY**  
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providing a commission to establish a minimum wage for women was introduced in the house yesterday. It provides for the appointment by the governor of a commission of three, one to be a woman, and an auxiliary commission of five, to arbitrarily fix the minimum wages of women. The measure will have the backing of the Woman's Trade Union league and similar organizations.

## RANK INJUSTICE SHOWN UP— POLITICS TO BLAME

Just how far some policemen will go with their politics is shown by the arrest of Mrs. Wm. E. Rodriguez, wife of the Socialist aldermanic candidate in the 15th Ward, who was dragged to the police station together with Ascher Zucker, 17, a boy who was peddling circulars advertising a Rodriguez speech.

Shortly before the arrest the Republicans of the ward had been allowed to litter up the neighborhood with their circulars but they were not bothered.

When Mrs. Rodriguez was taken to the North av. station the desk sergeant there refused the plea of Atty Wm. A. Cunnea to accept a cash bond and she was shipped to the W. Chicago av. station. At that station Capt. Stephan Healey allowed her and the boy to go on their own recognizance.

This morning Judge Dolan explained to the officer that his prisoners had done no wrong and the case was non-suited.

## BITS OF NEWS

John Pace, 5659 S. Michigan av., died from elevator accident.

Stanley Buok, iceman, had leg broken; 100-lb. cake of ice fell on him.

Ludolf Miller ate and drank \$21 worth in Bismarck restaurant. No money. Arrested.

\$10,000 verdict returned against C. & W. I. railroad and Chicago Railways Co. in favor of Mrs. Sarah Levitan, hurt in accident.